

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

IN RE: COOK MEDICAL, INC, IVC FILTERS
MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 1:14-ml-2570-RLY-TAB
MDL No. 2570

This Document Relates to Plaintiff(s)

MICHAEL TOWLE, as personal representative of
the ESTATE OF MICHELE TOWLE, deceased

Civil Case # 1:21-cv-01772

FIRST AMENDED SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Plaintiff(s) named below, and for Complaint against the Defendants named below, incorporate The Master Complaint in MDL No. 2570 by reference (Document 213). Plaintiff(s) further show the court as follows:

1. Plaintiff/Deceased Party:

Michele Towle

2. Spousal Plaintiff/Deceased Party's spouse or other party making loss of consortium claim:

N/A

3. Other Plaintiff and capacity (i.e., administrator, executor, guardian, conservator):

Michael Towle, as personal representative of the Estate of Michele Towle, deceased.

4. Plaintiff's/Deceased Party's state of residence at the time of implant:

New Hampshire

5. Plaintiff's/Deceased Party's state of residence at the time of injury:

New Hampshire

6. Plaintiff's/Deceased Party's current state of residence:

New Hampshire

7. District Court and Division in which venue would be proper absent direct filing:

New Hampshire District Court - Concord, NH

8. Defendants (Check Defendants against whom Complaint is made):



Cook Incorporated



Cook Medical LLC



William Cook Europe ApS

9. Basis of Jurisdiction:



Diversity of Citizenship



Other: _____

- a. Paragraphs in Master Complaint upon which venue and jurisdiction lie:

Venue: Paragraph 27

Subject Matter Jurisdiction: Paragraph 23

Personal Jurisdiction: Paragraphs 24 and 26

- b. Other allegations of jurisdiction and venue:
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10. Defendants' Inferior Vena Cava Filter(s) about which Plaintiff(s) is making a claim

(Check applicable Inferior Vena Cava Filters):

- ☒ Günther Tulip® Vena Cava Filter
- ☐ Cook Celect® Vena Cava Filter
- ☐ Gunther Tulip Mreye
- ☐ Cook Celect Platinum
- ☐ Other:

11. Date of Implantation as to each product:

11/29/2012

12. Hospital(s) where Plaintiff was implanted (including City and State):

Exeter Hospital - Exeter, New Hampshire

13. Implanting Physician(s):

Nicholas D. Garcia, MD

14. Counts in the Master Complaint brought by Plaintiff(s):

- ☒ Count I: Strict Products Liability – Failure to Warn
- ☒ Count II: Strict Products Liability – Design Defect
- ☒ Count III: Negligence
- ☒ Count IV: Negligence Per Se

- ☒ Count V: Breach of Express Warranty
- ☒ Count VI: Breach of Implied Warranty
- ☒ Count VII: Violations of Applicable New Hampshire (insert State)
Law Prohibiting Consumer Fraud and Unfair and Deceptive Trade
Practices
- ☐ Count VIII: Loss of Consortium
- ☐ Count IX: Wrongful Death
- ☒ Count X: Survival
- ☐ Count XI: Punitive Damages
- ☒ Other: see below (please state the facts supporting
this Count in the space, immediately below)
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this Count in the space, immediately below)

Plaintiff incorporates all claims and facts alleged in Dkt. 18900

Defendants Expressly and Impliedly warranted that the Cook IVC Filter was a permanent lifetime implant

and downplayed the risks associated with migration, perforation, tilt, fracture, and other risk relied upon by

the Plaintiff to his detriment.

15. Attorney for Plaintiff(s):

Basil E. Adham, Johnson Law Group

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Respectfully submitted,

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